

S H O R T
 ACCOUNT
 OF THE
 DEATH
 OF
 RICHARD MOORE.



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T H O H 2

IF I did not believe every Word of this Account to be true, it should never have seen the Light. But I have no Doubt with Respect to the Integrity of the Relater, who left it fairly written with her own Hand. "He that readeth, let him understand." If he is a Christian Believer, let him be aware of the Men that prophesy smooth Things, and make the Way to Heaven broader than it is.* It was by listening to these that Mr. Moore lost his Faith, which was the Cause of his suffering so much at last. If he that reads be an Unbeliever (and such is every one that doth not know that GOD is reconciled to him thro' the Death of his Son) let him desire of GOD to give him this Knowledge of himself; for if he die without it, he must perish everlastingly. For our LORD says expressly, He that believeth not the SON, shall not see Life.

* I mean such as preach CHRIST, so as to supersede Holiness of Heart and Life.



A

SHORT ACCOUNT, &c.

1. **I**N the Beginning of his Sickness, he
was in great Horror and Fear of
Death. He would often cry out,
“O what shall I do! I am going
to die and know not GOD! Is
there no Mercy for me? No Advocate with
GOD for a poor Sinner? O JESUS! is there
no Mercy for me? Hide not thy Face from me
for ever!”

2. He continued for some Days in great Horror
of Mind crying out, “Mercy LORD, not Jus-
tice. If Justice takes Place, I am lost for
ever.” Then horrible Pangs would seize his
Body, which was continually as it were upon a
Rack thro’ the Agony of his Soul. He would
often cry out, “Death is a Terror to a guilty
Soul. O where shall I fly from an angry
GOD?”

“ God ! I was once forgiven, but I forfeited
 “ my Peace. What once I was nothing avails
 “ me now. I am a lost Sinner except God will
 “ have Mercy upon me.”

3. He continued Night and Day wrestling with God for the Blessing. I did not perceive he slept many Minutes together. And when he did just drop asleep, he would awake in a great Agony, and cry out, “ I am burning. O give
 “ me some Water to cool my Tongue ! O I feel
 “ the Wrath of God upon me ! Save, LORD,
 “ or I perish !”

4. He lay one Day as if he was dead for some Time. His Eyes were open, but seemed as if the Strings were broke. At last I heard him say, “ O LORD plead my Cause ! O LORD JESUS
 “ be an Advocate for me !” He seemed to be in a great Agony tho’ still asleep, and the Tears ran down his Cheeks. He said, “ I do deserve
 “ eternal Punishment. If Justice takes Place,
 “ there is no Mercy for me.” At last he cried out, “ There is Mercy for me.” He lay quiet for some Time, the Tears still running down his Face. At last he awoke and cried out, “ Where
 “ have I been ?” He told me, he “ saw a Company
 “ of Angels with Spears in their Hands who bid
 “ him follow them.” He added, “ They gave me
 “ a Spear and we mounted up beating the Air
 “ with our Spears, till we passed two Elements,
 “ when striking my Spear against one of theirs,
 “ I broke it, and fell down, and lost Sight of
 “ them. But as I lay weeping, one came to
 “ me in White and gave me two Wings, and
 “ bid me mount up with him. So I did, and
 “ he brought me to a glorious Place, but I could
 “ not enter in. As I stood weeping without, I
 “ looked

" looked and beheld one sitting on a Rainbow,
 " and when he looked sternly on me, my Mouth
 " was stopt, so that I could not speak for some
 " Time, but at last I cried, Mercy, O GOD,
 " not Justice! Still he looked sternly upon me,
 " and as I stood trembling, I looked round to
 " see if there was no one to plead my Cause.
 " At last, I saw the Man that gave me the
 " Wings and he smiled upon me, which caused
 " me to hope. Then I saw him go to the Fa-
 " ther (for this was the SON of GOD) and
 " make Intercession for me. And when I saw
 " the Glory of the Place and a great Number
 " sitting with Crowns on their Heads, I longed
 " to stay there, but I was told I must not stay,
 " for I was not fit to enter in. So I was forced
 " to return from whence I came." *

5. AFTER this Dream he had strong Hope
 that CHRIST would forgive him all his Sins.
 He said, " Tho' I have not now a Sense of Par-
 " don, yet CHRIST will soon come and reveal
 " Himself to me."

6. ONE Day he lay still for some Time,
 and as I sat by him, he suddenly broke out in
 these Words, " I behold JESUS, I behold Him
 " whom my Soul loveth! Now He is reconciled,
 " I feel the Virtue of his Blood. Come LORD
 " JESUS take the Exile home!" Then he cried,
 " O Death where is thy Sting? O Grave where
 " is thy Victory? Death was a King of Terrors
 " to me, but now he is a welcome Messenger of
 " Peace. O how sweet is the Name of JESUS
 " to my Soul! It is a ravishing Name, it fills

"me with Delight!" He would often repeat these Words,

"When will the dear Deliverance come?
When, JESUS! wilt Thou take me home?
My flutt'ring Spirit longs to be gone,
LORD! not my Will, but thine be done."

7. ONE Day he was in a great Conflict and cried out, "O JESUS, do not leave me, do not forsake me in this trying Hour!" He seemed in a great Agony saying, "Get thee behind me Satan, thou hast nothing to do with me. He that is in me is stronger than thou." Then he said, "O my JESUS has left me. I cannot see Him now, but He will come again and bring the Comforter with him and abide with me for ever."

8. HE lay for some Time mourning and crying, "Come LORD JESUS! do not tarry, for I long for thy Coming!" Still his Cry was, "I cannot see JESUS. The Devil tempts me sorely, but he cannot hurt me." Then he would start and cry, "Save LORD."

9. SOME Time after he cryed, "O my JESUS is come. Now he will never leave me more. O I see JESUS with all the heavenly Host and I shall soon be with them. My fluttering Spirit longs to be gone." He said, "I shall soon behold JESUS Face to Face! O what a happy Meeting will that be!" He saw me crying and said, "Rejoice for I am in the Arms of JESUS CHRIST!" He was so filled with Love and Joy that he said, "O that I had Wings like a Dove, I would grasp you all, and fly up to Heaven with you!"

10. I ASKED

10. I ASKED him if he could now appear before that great God. He said, "While one evil Thought remains, we are not born again.* But, I have no evil Thoughts or Desires. My Heart is full of CHRIST. I feed upon Him. The eternal Spirit lives in me, and I shall soon see God Face to Face." He asked me for a little Water which I refused to give him, fearing it would hurt him. He said, "Well, I shall go and drink of the River of Life soon. Then I shall thirst no more for ever."

11. FROM that Time he never had any Doubt, for when he was asked several Times, "Have you no Doubt or Fear?" He said, "No not for a Moment."

12. WHEN Mr. W. (ah how fallen since!) and Mr. Larwood, who visited him every Day, saw him in such Triumph, they said, "They could not pray for his Life, seeing he was so happy in God." He smiled and said, "I am thrice happy. I enjoy Heaven upon Earth."—Mr. W. said, "My Brother, I do not envy your Happiness, but I long to enjoy what you do." He answered, "It is for all that seek it."

13. To one that was there he said, "O seek JESUS with your whole Heart! He will not have a Part! Seek no earthly Happiness! I sought Happiness in the Creature, but could not find it. It brought me into Misery. It robbed me of my God. Oh Heaven is a glorious

* Not in the highest Sense of the Phrase.

“ glorious Place ! Will you lose CHRIST for any
 “ earthly Joy ? ” — To another that sat weeping,
 he said, “ You shall soon go where I am going.
 “ There all Tears shall be wiped away from
 “ your Eyes, and Sorrow and Sighing shall flee
 “ away. There we shall enjoy CHRIST for
 “ ever, and never part more.”

14. HE seemed one Day to have renewed his
 Strength and sat up in the Bed and said, (as if
 there had been a Company of People) “ Men
 “ and Brethren, in the great Day of the Feast
 “ JESUS stood and cried, *If any Man thirst let*
 “ *him come unto me and drink. I will give him*
 “ *the Water of Life freely. Him that cometh unto*
 “ *me I will in no wise cast out.* Will you slight
 “ so gracious an Invitation ? You have the Gos-
 “ pel preached in its Purity, O believe it ! I have
 “ experienced it. Without Holiness, no one
 “ shall see the LORD. You cannot go to Heaven
 “ with one Sin.” I asked him if Mr. *Wesleys*
 or the *Moravian Brethren* preached the true Gos-
 pel. He replied, “ Mr. *Wesleys*. CHRIST
 “ preached the same when upon Earth, and woe
 “ be to them that will not receive it. Woe to the
 “ People of this Land that still reject it. How will
 “ they stand when CHRIST shall come with Ten
 “ Thousand of his Angels ? How will they then
 “ wish they had embraced it ? But you that
 “ earnestly seek him shall then behold him with
 “ Joy.” He went on for Half an Hour, but I
 cannot recollect the Particulars.

15. SUNDAY Morning, he asked me, “ What
 “ Day it was ? ” I told him Sunday. He said,
 “ Well, before next Sunday, I shall be with my
 “ LORD in Paradise.” I asked him if he was
 willing to die. He said he had no Will of his
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own now, but he knew it was the Will of his heavenly Father to take him. He added, "My Father will let me stay three Days longer, and then I shall go to join that heavenly Host, where I shall praise Him for ever."

16. THURSDAY Morning, which was the Day he died, he desired them that were with him to call me. As soon as he saw me, he told me with much Joy, "Now I am going to live with JESUS for ever." He said, "Do not you see JESUS and the heavenly Host stand waiting for me? They are come for me. I am coming my dear LORD." He then rose up as if he would have fled away, but he soon laid down again and cried, "O make haste there are your Crowns ready. See the Angels conveying the departed Souls to Heaven. Stay, stay, take me with you! The Spirit and the Bride say come. Come then LORD JESUS, come quickly!" He was sensible to the last Moment. And when he saw me weep, he said, "Weep not for me for I am happy." I told him, I do not weep for you, but I long to be dissolved and to be with CHRIST. He told me, "It was worth longing for," and added, "You must wait the LORD's Leisure. Watch and pray that you enter not into Temptation, and it will not be long before we shall meet again never to part any more. O seek JESUS with your whole Heart! Press after Holiness, without which no Man can see the LORD!"

17. I DESIRED him to pray for the Church and Ministers, Mr. C. W. in particular. I begged him to wrestle with GOD for him that he might be delivered from all his Enemies. He then roaned and prayed inwardly, but I could not understand

derstand him. He said, "My Heart prays but
 "I cannot speak." Now his Speech faltered,
 and no one could tell what he said. He spoke a
 great deal afterwards, but what he said could not
 be understood. I went down Stairs, and when I
 came up again, he lay like a Lamb. Soon after
 he gasped thrice, then resigned his Breath, and
 sweetly fell asleep in CHRIST.

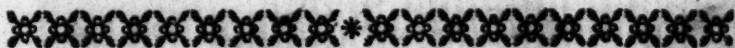
O JESUS let me die his Death,
 And let his latter End be mine!

18. ON Sunday Morning *May 5, 1751*, GOD
 granted her also the Desire of her Soul. When
 she apprehended she was dying the Friday before,
 she broke out into these, and the like strong Ex-
 pressions. "I desire to be dissolved and to be
 "with CHRIST. His Love is better than Wine!
 "Is the LORD now come to finish his Work and
 "take me to Himself? I just now saw a Vision
 "of Angels, and I long to join them!" She
 then added, "I now feel an Alteration. The
 "Time of my Departure is at hand. O Death!
 "where is thy Sting? Who is a GOD like unto
 "our GOD? My GOD and my All. Praise the
 "LORD, O my Soul, praise the LORD. Eter-
 "nity will be too short to praise him in. O
 "what Glory shall shortly be revealed!" She
 then paused a little, and said, "I fear I shall live
 "again." So she did till the Time above men-
 tioned, and then departed in Peace, her Eyes
 having seen the Salvation of GOD!

19. As some may imagine, that several of the
 foregoing Expressions, are the mere Produce of
 Ignorance and a distemper'd Brain: I shall close
 this Account with a remarkable Saying, of that
 truly excellent and learned Light of the Church

of England, Mr. *Robert Bolton*, B. D. sometime Fellow of Brazen-Nose College, in Oxford. Upon his Death-Bed, some of his Parishoners coming to see him, and desiring him to tell them what he now felt in his Soul, he replied, "I am, by
 "the wonderful Mercies of GOD, as full of Comfort as my Heart can hold, and feel nothing
 "in my Soul but CHRIST, with whom I heartily
 "desire to be."

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